

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to claim [[1]]10, wherein the parts (9a, 9b; 41a, 41b) of the first mounting part and the second mounting part are assembled by non-permanent connections.

3. (Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to claim 2, wherein the parts (9a, 9b; 41a, 41b) of the first mounting part and the second mounting part are assembled by means of engagement by elastic deformation

4. (Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to claim [[1]]10, wherein the parts (9a, 9b) first mounting part and the second mounting part are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction parallel to the an axis of the winding drum (4).

5. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to claim [[1]]10, wherein the parts (41a, 41b) first mounting part and the second mounting part are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction perpendicular to the an axis of the winding drum (42).

6. (Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to claim 2,

wherein the parts (9a, 9b) first mounting part and the second mounting part are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction parallel to the an axis of the winding drum-(4).

7. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according

to claim 3, wherein the parts (9a, 9b) first mounting part and the second mounting part are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction parallel to the an axis of the winding drum (4).

8. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according

to claim 2, wherein the parts (41a, 41b) first mounting part and the second mounting part are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction perpendicular to the an axis of the winding drum (42).

9. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) Operating device (20; 40) according

to claim 3, wherein the parts (41a, 41b) first mounting part and the second mounting part are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction perpendicular to the an axis of the winding drum (42).

10. (New) An apparatus for operating a blind comprising:

a winding drum;

a first mounting part;

a second mounting part assembled to the first mounting part, said first mounting part and said second mounting part shaped to provide a through hole when assembled; and

at least one cord passing through the through hole and having a first end fixed to the winding drum and a second end connected to the blind,

wherein the first mounting part and the second mounting part each support the winding drum.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein, when the apparatus is installed in a headrail, the first mounting part and the second mounting part transmit a force exerted on the winding drum to the headrail.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first mounting part includes a first cutout and the second mounting part includes a second cutout such that, when assembled to each other, the first and second cutouts form the through hole